

Child Care Technical Assistance Network



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The Child Care Bureau (CCB) is dedicated to enhancing the quality, affordability, and availability of child care for all families. CCB administers Federal funds to States, Territories, and Tribes to assist low-income families in accessing quality child care for children when the parents work or participate in education or training. CCB has contracted with the following partners to promote their mission.

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

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This 5-year project is a national center created to help Head Start and other child care programs identify and implement practices that have demonstrated effectiveness in promoting children's social and emotional competence. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has developed a consortium of universities and early childhood organizations (with the University of Colorado at Denver; University of South Florida; University of Connecticut; Tennessee Voices for Children, Inc.; and Education Development Center, Inc.) to carry out the aims and activities of the Center. The goals of the Center are to strengthen the capacity for child care and Head Start programs to improve the social and emotional outcomes for young children by a) promoting the social and emotional development of children as a means to prevent challenging behaviors; b) using a comprehensive, culturally sensitive approach that is inclusive of and responsive to the needs of families, other professionals, and communities; c) disseminating evidence-based practices; d) identifying, on an ongoing basis, the training needs and preferred delivery formats of local programs and Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) providers; and e) collaborating with existing T/TA providers to ensure the implementation and sustainability of practices at the local level.

Grantee: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (by Cooperative Agreement from the Child Care and Head Start Bureaus), Project Director: Dr. Rob Corso [Phone: (217) 333-4123]

Child Care Automation Resource Center

Telephone: (877) 249-9117 E-mail: ccarc@childcaredata.org Internet: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/ta/ccarc/index.htm

The Child Care Automation Resource Center (CCARC) supports States, Territories, and Tribal organizations in collecting, managing, and reporting child care data. CCARC's primary focus is on building the capacity of information systems at the local level to improve the quality of administrative data. The methods include software utilities for data providers, computer-based training, and site visits to trouble-shoot difficult information systems problems. CCARC hosts a Web site and a toll-free hotline and also provides technical workshops at the semiannual Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Users Group Conferences, ACF Regional Meetings, and National Child Care Data Conferences.

Contractor: Anteon Corporation, Project Director: Helen Papadopoulos [Phone: (301) 692-0586]

Child Care Aware

Telephone: (800) 424-2246 E-mail: info@naccrra.org Internet: <http://www.childcareaware.org>

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), through a cooperative agreement with CCB, receives funding to operate Child Care Aware—a national toll-free child care consumer telephone hotline and Web site available in both English and Spanish. Child Care Aware provides consumer education materials and links families to their local child care experts (CCR&R) for referrals to child care programs and related early care and education and parenting resources.

Grantee: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Project Director: G. Clark Smith, Ph.D. [Phone: (202) 393-5501, ext. 150]

Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive

Telephone: (202) 638-2420 E-mail: bar@briconsultinggroup.com Internet: <http://www.briconsultinggroup.com>

The Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive will create an infrastructure for collaborative research and analysis and information-sharing among researchers, policymakers, and other key stakeholders; serve as a repository of child care research and data through a Web-based archive; and develop and disseminate materials designed to improve child care policy research and to synthesize findings for policymakers.

Contractor: BRI Consulting Group, President: Barbara Robinson [Phone: (202) 638-2420]

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Conference Management Center

Telephone: (301) 315-2800 E-mail: ccbcmc@acf.hhs.gov Internet: <http://www.z-techcorp.com>

The Conference Management Center (CMC) provides logistical and program support to the Child Care Bureau and to State, Territorial, and Tribal agencies for planning and conducting national and regional meetings, conferences, and forums on critical child care issues. In addition to national conferences, such as the annual Child Care Bureau State Administrators meeting, the Child Care Research meeting, and the Healthy Child Care America Conference, CMC works closely with ACF Regional liaisons to coordinate and conduct meetings in all 10 ACF Regions.

Contractor: Z-Tech Corporation, Acting Project Director: Anna Hodgson [Phone: (301) 315-2827]

Healthy Child Care America

Telephone: (888) 227-5409 E-mail: childcare@aap.org Internet: <http://nccic.org/hcca/index.html>

The Healthy Child Care America campaign is a collaborative effort of health professionals, child care professionals, families, and other services working in partnership to improve the health and well-being of children in child care settings. The goals of the program are to provide technical assistance to States, Territories, Tribes, and communities in developing and strengthening linkages between child care providers, health professionals, and families. These partnerships ensure that children are cared for in healthy and nurturing environments and have access to necessary immunizations, health screenings, and other health and social services. The Healthy Child Care America program is a cooperative agreement between the CCB, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Grantee: American Academy of Pediatrics, Project Director: Laura Aird [Phone: (847) 434-4729]

National Infant and Toddler Child Care Initiative

Telephone: (202) 638-1144 E-mail: dstetson@zerotothree.org Internet: <http://nccic.org/itcc/index.html>

The National Infant and Toddler Child Care Initiative, a project of the Child Care Bureau at ZERO TO THREE, is designed to work collaboratively with Child Care and Development Fund State child care administrators to help advance system improvements in infant and toddler child care. The project will collect, produce, and disseminate information and resources, as well as help States develop or implement plans to support strategic initiatives and evaluate progress.

Contractor: ZERO TO THREE, Project Director: Dianne Stetson [Phone: (202) 638-1144, ext 677]

National Child Care Information Center

Telephone: (800) 616-2242 E-mail: info@nccic.org Internet: <http://nccic.org>

The National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) links information and people to complement, enhance, and promote the child care delivery system, working to ensure that all children and families have access to high-quality comprehensive services. NCCIC provides information and referral services to parents, providers, policymakers, researchers, and the general public. NCCIC disseminates information and resources via a Web site, which includes the NCCIC Online Library, State Profiles, and searchable database; publication of the *Child Care Bulletin*, the *CCDF Report of State Plans*, and other resources; resource rooms at conferences; and presentations at meetings and conferences. NCCIC State Technical Assistance Specialists, working with ACF Regional Offices, provide on-site consultation to State grantees. NCCIC is the Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Child Care and a partner in QUILT: Quality in Linking Together, an initiative designed to support and increase partnerships between child care, Head Start, and other early education programs.

Contractor: Collins Management Consulting, Inc., Project Director: Janet Mascia [Phone: (800) 616-2242]

The Afterschool Investments Project

Telephone: (202) 587-1000 E-mail: afterschool@financeproject.org Internet: <http://nccic.org/afterschool/index.html>

The Afterschool Investments Project provides technical assistance to support program development and administration on issues related to after-school initiatives. The project produces and disseminates information, tools, and materials for supporting and sustaining programs and creating successful partnerships between CCDF grantees and the many other public and private sector partners responsible for improving after-school opportunities in the States. The Finance Project serves as contractor in partnership with the National Governors Association.

Contractor: The Finance Project, Project Director: Sharon Deich [Phone: (202) 587-1006]

Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center

Telephone: (800) 388-7670 E-mail: tritac2@aol.com Internet: <http://nccic.org/tribal>

The Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center (Tri-TAC) provides targeted technical assistance services to more than 500 Tribes supported by the Child Care and Development Fund. Activities include a toll-free information and referral line; maintenance of a Web site that features information on tribal child care programs, including promising practices and available resources; an annual national tribal child care conference; and cluster trainings.

Contractor: Native American Management Services, Project Director: Linda Kills-Crow [Phone: (918) 287-1650]

**All project Web sites can be accessed via the CCB home page
at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb>**